



JOEL GOUGEON

34th Senatorial District



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Committees: Agriculture and Forestry (Chair); Local Government and Urban Development

Biography: Republican, of Bay County; born January 13, 1943, at Bay City; married, Kaye Gougeon 27 years; daughter, Amy; attended Bay City area schools before working his way through General Motors Institute by co-oping at Saginaw Valley Malleable Iron Foundry; received his mechanical engineering degree in 1966; served with the 497th "Nite Owl" Tactical Fighter Squadron, U.S. Air Force, where he rose to the rank of captain, and flew 197 night combat missions in Vietnam; twice awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and decorated with 14 Air Medals; after completing five years of active military service, Senator Gougeon joined his brothers, Meade and Jan, in a small family business that manufactured high performance sailboats, West System (R) epoxy bonding adhesives, and wind energy blades-the company has grown from four employees to more than fifty, with plants in Pinconning and Bay City; former president, Bay City Lions Club; original incorporator, Bay County Crime Stoppers; member, Elks, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans, and John Glenn Boosters; member, Holy Rosary Academy Board of Directors and Bay City Growth Alliance; Bay County Board of Commissioners, 1984-90; elected to the State Senate, 1993.

